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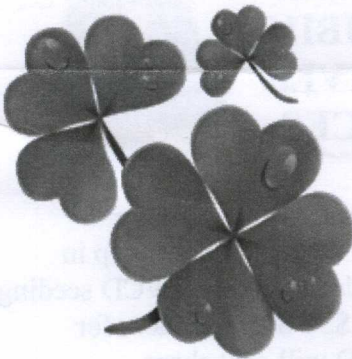
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NEWSLETTER

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The Cape County SWCD cordially invites you to attend
The Cape Girardeau County SWCD

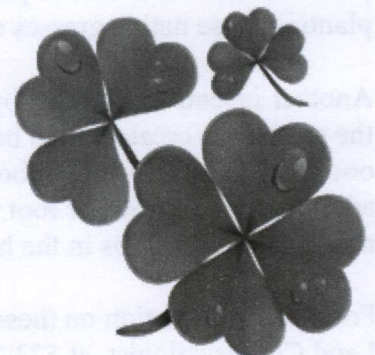
Open House Appreciation Day
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

11:00 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.

Presentation at 12:00 p.m. by
MU Extension Agronomist,
Anthony Ohmes

Landowner Awards to follow

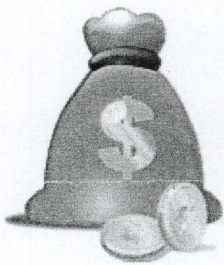
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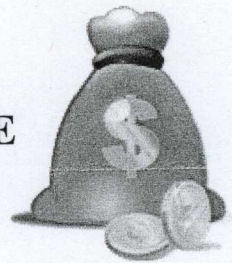
Missouri Department of Conservation Offers Financial Incentives For New and Existing CRP Ground

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is offering financial incentives for enrolling new Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres and to assist existing CRP contract holders with implementing Mid-Contract Management activities in Cape Girardeau County and other counties in Missouri. MDC will provide an additional \$100-\$150 per acre incentive to enroll new CP33-Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, CP38-State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE), or CP42-Pollinator Habitat. This incentive is in addition to the \$100-\$150 per acre Sign-up Incentive Payments already provided by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for new enrollments. MDC will also provide an additional \$18-\$60 per acre for Mid-Contract Management activities such as prescribed burning, disking, herbicide application and legume or native forb interseeding on existing cool-season grass (CP1) and warm-season grass (CP2) CRP acres. This MDC incentive will be in addition to the cost-share assistance provided by FSA for completion of Mid-Contract Management activities. MDC incentives ranging from \$100-\$200 are also available for installation or enhancement of shrubby cover within or adjacent to CRP land.

The Mid-Contract Management incentives will be available starting December 1st, however the incentives for enrolling new CRP acres will not be available until Congress passes or extends the Farm Bill. Contact Brad Pobst, MDC Private Land Conservationist at 573-243-1467 ext. 123, for additional information or to enroll in the MDC CRP Incentive program.



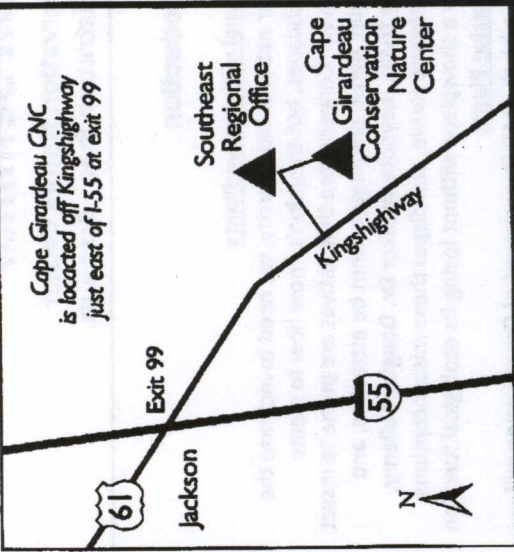
CAPE COUNTY SWCD AND THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION COMBINE FORCES TO PROVIDE EXTRA INCENTIVES FOR SEEDING AND FENCING PRACTICES



The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is providing extra incentives to landowners who are interested in planting native species for seeding practices or establishing a minimum 30 foot habitat strip in addition to fencing to exclude livestock. If a landowner is involved in a Cape Girardeau County SWCD seeding practice, and would like to plant native species, the MDC will provide an additional \$50-\$150 per acre for planting these native grasses and forbs. This would be in addition to what the SWCD will cost share.

Another incentive provided by MDC encourages landowner to fence out their woodlands from livestock and at the same time create a field border between the woods and fence. This incentive will pay \$330 - \$365 per acre, one time, to establish a 30 foot wide average habitat strip between the woods and the fence. This incentive is in addition to the \$1.50 per foot the SWCD will cost share on to build the fence and the cost share for establishing native grass and forbs in the habitat strip.

For more information on these programs, contact the Cape Girardeau County SWCD or Brad Pobst, Private Land Conservationist, at 573-243-1467 ext. 3.



Cape Girardeau

Conservation Nature Center

Building Hours: Open Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Sundays, Mondays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Friday after Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Area Hours: Open daily from sunrise to 10 p.m. in accordance with the Cape Girardeau County Park Rules and Regulations.

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Seminar Vendors & Artisans

Missouri Wildflowers Nursery-native plants
Forrest Keeling Nursery-native plants
Fran Haupt-leaf casting concrete art
Louise Callahan-concrete leaf casting
Harold Sebastian-butterfly houses
Touch from the Heart Pottery by Mary Jane Moyers-garden pottery
The Natural Way Therapeutic Soaps by Charlotte Eftink-100% plant-based soaps and microwaveable heat packs
Anita's Creations by Robert E. Lee Jr.-wren houses made from gourds
Master Gardeners-gardening gloves and herb plants



20% Off

Nature Shop Sale
March 8-9, 2013

Native Plant Seminar

March 9, 2013

**Cape Girardeau
Conservation
Nature Center**

2289 County Park Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO
573-290-5218

Registration: 8-8:15 a.m.

Programs: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



Sponsored by:

Cape County Master Gardeners
Missouri Department of Conservation
Cape County University of MO Extension

Native Plant Seminar Registration

Please, **ONLY** one (1) registration per form
Pre-registration is advised by Friday, February 28, 2013
Please call 573-290-5218 if you need to cancel

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Go Green! Please provide your email address and phone number to receive electronic confirmation of your session choices. If you do not have email, session confirmation will be sent to the address listed on your registration form.

Please mark your session choices below, including those with only one choice. Mark Session A or Session B where there is a choice.

_____ Session 1 Maintaining Curb Appeal with Native Plants
_____ Session 2A Urban Invasives OR _____ Session 2B Tree Seedlings
_____ Session 3A Soup and Fable OR _____ Session 3B Garden Whimsy
_____ Session 4A Composting OR _____ Session 4B Bang for Buck

Please return this registration form to:

Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center

Attn: Lisa Seyer

2289 County Park Drive

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or....

Email to: Lisa.Seyer@mdc.mo.gov

Box Lunch Choice (optional)—see note below the sandwich choices:

_____ Chicken Salad w/Croissant OR _____ Meat/Cheese Hoagie

Please send payment for box lunches (\$7.50 each) along with your registration form for the Native Plant Seminar to the address above.
Make check payable to : Cape County Master Gardeners

Questions-please call the Nature Center at 573-290-5218

CLOSED Sundays and Mondays

Native Plant Seminar

Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center
March 9, 2013 ☞ Registration 8:00 - 8:15 a.m.

8-8:15 a.m. Registration

8:15-8:30 a.m. (Auditorium) Welcome & Introduction

SESSION CHOICES

8:30-9:45 a.m. (Session 1) Maintaining Curb Appeal with Native Plants

- Many people understand that to save our national biodiversity, we need to increase the amount of native plants in suburban landscapes, but they don't know how to create socially acceptable landscapes using natives. Concerns are that natives are prone to insect damage, landscapes will be messy and wild, dense plantings cannot be attractive, and formal gardens cannot be designed using them. Keynote speaker **Dr. Douglas Tallamy**, author of the highly acclaimed *Bringing Nature Home*, will dispel these misconceptions and suggest ways to make your property a showpiece without losing its ecological function.

10:15-11:15 a.m. (Session 2A) Battling Urban Invasive Plants

- Tim Banek**, Invasive Species Coordinator with the MO Department of Conservation will teach you how to identify and control invasive plants to prevent their damaging spread.

10:15-11:15 a.m. (Session 2B) Tree Seedlings and the George O. White Nursery

- Discover how tree seedlings are grown, what is offered, and the history of the MO Department of Conservation's George O. White Nursery from **George Clark**, Forestry Nursery Supervisor in Licking, MO.

11:30a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Session 3A) Soup and Fable

- Join us for a sampling, and fine dining experience as **Lisa LaCombe**, Burr Oak Woods Nature Center Manager, and her sought-after volunteers present a wild edibles program that is sure to make you want to "Eat Your Weedies!"

11:30a.m.-12:30p.m. (Session 3B) Whimsy in Your Garden

- Watch and learn how to repurpose, renew and reinvent forgotten treasures into garden whimsy! **Junkin Gals Diane Taylor** and **Debbie Birk** transform fan blades into dragonflies and **Judi Niederkorn** will design and assemble a glass tower for your outdoor flower beds.

LUNCH 12:30-1:30 p.m.

- On your own OR prepaid box lunches for \$7.50. Box lunches **MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE WITH SEMINAR REGISTRATION** and are available through Boy Scout Troop 4011. Box lunch includes choice of chicken salad w/ croissant or meat/cheese hoagie sandwich, chips, drink and brownie.

1:30-2:30 p.m. (Session 4A) Composting: Heat It Up To Clean It Up

- Dr. Sven Svenson**, Dept. of Agriculture Assistant Professor at Southeast MO State University, will help you understand how composting works to improve your success and safety.

1:30-2:30p.m. (Session 4B) Best Bang for Your Buck!

- Donna Aufdenberg**, Master Gardener Coordinator for SE Region, will discuss self-sowing annuals, perennials, colonizing shrubs and shrubs for layering to provide lots of "show" for little "dough" in these tough economic times.

There will be a 20% off nature shop sale March 8-9

**** Door prizes will be announced at the close of each session ****

Bring Birds to your Back Yard

Wherever you live, you can bring comfort to wildlife and joy to your own life by offering a bit of habitat to nature's creatures.

With the right plants for food and shelter, you can attract spring and fall migrating birds as well as those that might stay year round.

Add water and, if you happen to live on an acreage where you have ample space, you can do wonders for birds, butterflies and your own disposition.

Natural Food or Feeders.

Fruits, nuts, and seeds from trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses will attract a variety of birds. Look to plant those that offer the food the bird species likes that you want in your yard. The same is true for feeding stations; the location, feeder style and food type will determine the birds that visit.

To attract the greatest variety of birds, use a station with a variety of feeder types, such as gravity-fed cylinder tubes, hopper boxes, platforms and suet feeders. Position them at different levels. Offer millet for ground feeders; black oil sunflower and thistle for finches, and peanut and suet for woodpeckers. Locate the station feeders next to natural cover such as evergreen shrubs or trees. The feeders should be clean with fresh food or seed.

Open Water, Birdbaths.

Most birds need open water for bathing, drinking and controlling their temperatures. A small backyard pond or a birdbath will do the job. The sound of flowing water attracts birds, so a fountain or small waterfall will increase your chances to bring birds to your back yard.

Cover, natural and manmade.

The same trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses that offer food to your backyard birds can offer them cover. The birds use that cover for escape, roosting, nesting and rearing their young. Another option is to build or purchase birdhouses designed for specific species of birds, with the opening size critical.

Spring Covey Headquarters Calendar

March – Finish your winter edge feathering projects.

Do not burn native warm season grass past March 15th unless you are trying to stimulate it.

Burn or use a herbicide to set back CRP cool season grasses March 15th through April 30th.

Over seed clover and lespedeza into recently burned or disked fields.

April – Listen for male Bobwhite whistle calls on calm clear mornings.

Spray brome and fescue underneath shrubby areas with Fusilade, Select, or Post (check label before buying)

Do not burn native warm season grass unless utilizing for forage or trying to eliminate brome or fescue.

Order your covey headquarter shrubs from the MDC nursery before the end of the month.

Till and fertilize food plots.

May – Quail and other grassland birds are on the nest, stay off of your mower.

Conduct breeding bird surveys that last week of May through June.

Seed food plots now for best results.

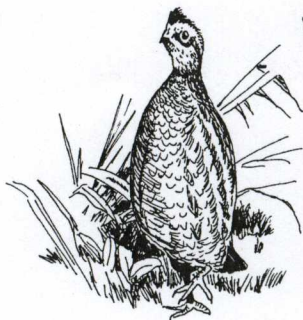
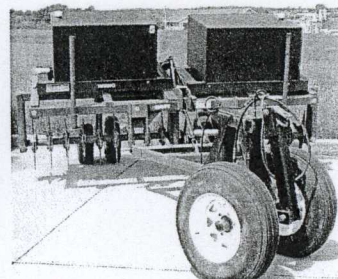
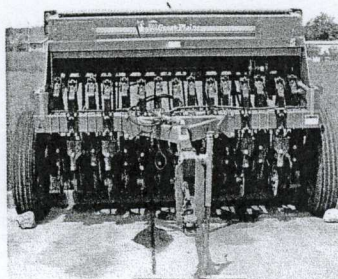
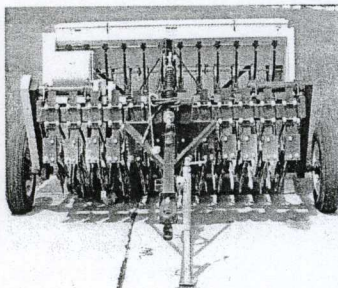
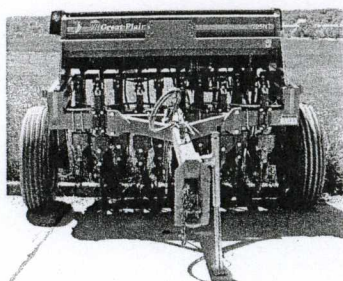
Clip weeds in newly planted warm season grasses to a height of 4-6 inches.

Seed shrub lespedeza at 8lbs/acre.

Last recommended date to plant seedling shrubs is June 1st.

FOR RENT NO TILL DRILLS & PASTURE RENOVATOR

The SWCD would like to remind everyone the District has a 10' Great Plains Drill and a 7' Great Plains Drill for rent along with a 8' Truax Drill (warm season grasses). The District also has a Rhino Pasture Renovator also available for rent. The 10' drill rents for \$9/AC, the 7' drill rents for \$8/AC, the 8' drill rents for \$10/AC, and the renovator rents for \$6/AC. If you would like to schedule either the drills or the renovator, please call 573-243-1467 ext 3.



WILDLIFE WAYS DID YOU KNOW.....

Trumpeter Swans mate for life. The courtship ritual includes synchronized swimming, bill dipping, blowing in the water, and dueting. After courting, young couples may not nest for another year or two.

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